

Cubans in Iraq train gunmen

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — Some 200 Cubans have arrived in Iraq and are training Palestinian terrorists in sabotage and subversion tactics, The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

Informed sources here said that the Cubans have established an intensive training programme for the Iraqi-supported "Arab Liberation Front," a splinter Palestinian terrorist organization that belongs to the so-called "rejectionist front."

The United States took a strong position against the involvement of Cuban troops in the Angola war, but there has been no public disclosure here yet of this new development — which comes at a time when the U.S. has authorized the sale of up to 12 Hercules civilian transport planes to Iraq.

Until a few months ago, Cuba maintained advisers in Syria, but those forces were reported to have been removed during the height of the Angola war.

Three said killed in Soweto as 20,000 blacks demonstrate

JOHANNESBURG. — South African police opened fire several times yesterday in a rioting black mob of 20,000 in Soweto, in protest at the arrest of student leaders. Witnesses said at least three Africans were killed and 18 wounded, according to newspaper reports.

Thousands of black workers failed to turn up for work, many apparently intimidated into not boarding trains and buses.

By late afternoon, the scene was still one of confusion. Brigadier S.W. le Roux, police commissioner in Soweto, said he had tried to get eminent blacks including Mrs. Winnie Mandela, to talk to the students out of their protest. He promised that if they returned home, police would take no action.

81 Sudan plotters executed

KHARTOUM. — The military regime yesterday executed 81 alleged conspirators in last July's attempt to topple President Jaafar Numeiry from power.



More hurt leave Tel Zaatar

BEIRUT. — The Red Cross yesterday evacuated another 243 wounded from the besieged Palestinian camp of Tel el-Zaatar, where an estimated 4,000 wounded have been caught in bitter fighting for 45 days.

Callaghan: Strong ties with Israel

By MARK SEGAL Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Prime Minister James Callaghan has reaffirmed that Britain's relations with Israel "remain strong and cordial" in an interview with "Midweek," the magazine of the Israeli Labour Party.

U.S. Beirut ex-envoy urges Palestinian state

WASHINGTON. — U.S. special envoy Talcott Seelye, who was evacuated from Lebanon last week and is now in Washington, has reportedly recommended that the U.S. consider reversing its present opposition to the establishment of a separate Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in order to help find a face-saving solution to the Lebanese conflict.

its policy on this sensitive subject at this point, concerned over the negative reaction it would have both in Israel and Jordan.

Terror ring uncovered

Security forces have arrested 24 West Bank residents suspected of belonging to a Fatah terrorist ring, the Army Spokesman said yesterday.

Ramat Eshkol quarter last January, which injured six persons and caused considerable damage, is among the actions attributed to the ring.

West Bank VAT strike now into fourth day

The West Bank business strike protesting the Value Added Tax continues yesterday for the fourth day running. An appeal by the local Chambers of Commerce to end the strike to enable them conduct further negotiations with the authorities went unheeded.

shopkeepers to close down their premises.

Khatib's army confirms talks with Israel

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent Col. Ahmad Khatib's "Lebanese Arab Army," which broke away from Lebanon's armed forces, yesterday confirmed that it has been holding meetings with Israeli officers on Lebanon's southern border.

Syrian Cabinet expected soon

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent Syrian officials yesterday said that Premier-designate Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi, was expected to announce his new cabinet today or tomorrow.

New heights in Eiland-Shahal sniping over marketing

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The year-long dispute between the Agriculture Ministry's director-general, Reuven Eiland, and Knesset Member Moshe Shahal over alleged racketeering in a country's produce markets reached a new intensity this week.

Eiland's letter then goes on to object to a series of actions by Shahal relating to the market controversy. In his own letter to the Speaker, Shahal disputes the charges and calls for Eiland to retract them.

Eiland, for example, states that "Shahal has claimed in the Knesset on December 24, 1975 that the middlemen's cut on agricultural produce was 1,000 to 1,500 per cent. Our figures show the cut is not only one-tenth of this, but is among the lowest in the Western world."

the background of their fields. The two complained about the way their produce is marketed. After checking into this matter it turns out that the two are not vegetable growers and the fields in the background do not belong to them.

wholesalers. Eiland says in his letter that Shahal charged him with covering up for such crimes, but that in fact there is no covering up for "such a police report does not exist."



Shambles of the Lebanese war... whose emerging patterns are examined by Daniel Dishon. With newly released pictures of the conflict.

'Basic factors for extortion'

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — According to the police summary report on the wholesale vegetable and fruit market at Carlebach Street in Tel Aviv, no extortion was uncovered at the time the report was written (March-April 1976).

The report also points out that concerning "concealing income, and avoiding paying income tax, there is cooperation between some growers and some wholesalers, and between some wholesalers and some buyers, and between the 'ramparts,' stevedores and truckers. One way is by not writing the right amounts of goods or their quality."

IL5,000 per month to rent out a corner of a store.

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## Social and Personal

A delegation of Negro trade unions in the U.S. yesterday called on Yeruham Meshel, secretary-general of the Histadrut.

A mass assembly, organized by the Israel Zionist Council and the Russian Prisoners of Zion organization, will be held at the Western Wall this evening at the conclusion of Tisha B'Av. The gathering is being convened to mark "Redemption of Zionist Prisoners" Day, proclaimed on this year's fast day.

## Banned film shown at last

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
TEL AVIV. — A controversial documentary made after the Yom Kippur War will get its first public screening in Israel tonight at the Cinematheque here. The film, made by novelist and critic Susan Sontag, is called "The Promised Land." The film deals with the aftermath of the Yom Kippur War, and at the time it was completed Israel Television refused to show it on the grounds that it was likely to have an adverse effect on public morale. Military censorship barred one sequence concerning the treatment of shellshocked soldiers. The version to be shown at the Cinematheque is uncut.

The film examines the rival claims of Jews and Arabs and concludes that the promised land was promised to both.

After the showing Israeli writer Yoram Kaniuk and former Defence Minister adviser Prof. Yuval Neeman will lead a discussion, from opposite points of view.

The film will also be shown at the Jerusalem Cinematheque in the near future.

## Beduin boy killed in grenade blast

**HAIFA.** — A six-year-old Beduin boy, Mahmud Nimr Hilfi, was killed by a hand-grenade explosion while walking in a wadi near Tivon yesterday.

Three children aged four to nine, who were with him at the time, were severely injured.

All the children are from the Arab al-Hilfi tribe near Tivon. (Itim)

## Toddler and sister killed by car

**EL ARISH.** — A small boy and his 10-year-old sister were killed here on Tuesday when they were run down by a car.

Yusef Ima'li, 3, ran into the main street of the town, in the path of an approaching car driven by a UN official. His sister, Haneh, tried to fetch him back, but both children were struck by the car.

They were rushed to the local hospital in critical condition and died soon after they were admitted. Police are investigating. (Itim)

**AN EXHIBITION** marking 40 years of the World Jewish Congress is now being shown at pavilion 26 of the Levant Fair in Tel Aviv on the occasion of the current youth city.

## Crowds at Wall for Tisha B'Av

By JUDY SIEGEL

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
Jerusalem's Western Wall on Tisha B'Av last night was a magnet for tens of thousands of Jews — from sobbing women praying for the Messiah to teenagers in jeans who came to see and be seen.

The mingling of mourning and joyfulness — a familiar scene in recent years on the eve of the 25-hour fast — was watched closely by a strong contingent of security men. Under a half-moon and illuminated by floodlights, worshippers sat on blankets, mats or the stone floor of the plaza to recite the Book of Lamentations for the destruction of the Temple and the Knesset dirges.

But the farther away from the Wall, the fewer the sorrowful and serious faces. Tourists scanned the scene for the best photographs, and young people were on the lookout for long-lost friends or relatives. Even some Orthodox dared to regard the traditional injunction against greeting friends and waved to people they hadn't seen for years.

The streets of Jerusalem were eerily dark and quiet after most of the people — wearing rubber, cloth or plastic footwear as a symbol of mourning — had headed for the Wall or their synagogues.

Places of entertainment and most restaurants closed yesterday evening and will remain shut today. Many offices and business will have shorter hours or reduced staffs today.

At the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Brooklyn, and led by Habad teachers, about 10,000 children came to the Western Wall from all parts of the country during yesterday.

After reciting word-by-word 12 verses from the Bible, the youngsters burst into a rendition of "I believe in the coming of the Messiah" and gave coins to charity collectors.

Religious residents of Mahane Yehuda got into a fight with the owners of two steak bars in Rehov Agrippas last night after the residents had demanded that they cease selling food. Police arrived, separated the two sides, then they asked the steak bar owners to close down, which they eventually agreed to do.

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This queue of little Hassidic boys, accompanied by their teachers and mothers, were among the 10,000 youngsters who visited the Western Wall yesterday at the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. (Rahamin Israel)

## Temple Mount pray-in bid this morning

By GERSHON SOLOMON

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
Gershon Solomon, a Jerusalem city councillor of the Likud faction, will lead a group of young people and Betar supporters who will try to pray on the Temple Mount at 11 a.m. today.

Solomon asserted that the site of the two Temples is the most fitting place to pray on the anniversary of their destruction. The worshippers will read the Book of Lamentations and recite Knesset dirges.

The councillor said that the pray-in is not meant as a demonstration. "The Galut is over," he said. "The Temple Mount is again in our hands and we must pray there. Reciting prayers at the Western Wall is like praying outside the doors of a synagogue."

Solomon said that he hoped the police would "change their mind" at the last moment and allow the group to pray on the Temple Mount. But he added that his group would not provoke violence, and that if the police positively forbade them, to enter the holy site, they would not use force.

He called on Police Minister Shimon Hildel yesterday, asking him for a permit to pray on the site, and agreeing to limit his followers to a

quorum of 10 and to stay in an area approved by the police. The minister said his request came too late to allow a re-evaluation of the matter.

Some observers have pointed out that if Solomon's group succeed in penetrating the gates to the Temple Mount and pray there, the courts will not be able to open criminal charges against them. The reason, they explain, is that the Religious Affairs Minister has not yet set regulations on whether such an act comes within the jurisdiction of the courts. The Jerusalem District Court has decided that the obligation to set such regulations is reserved for the minister.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, meanwhile, has stated that a Jew is permitted to tread on "many spots" on the Temple Mount, pointing out that Maimonides himself went to pray there. If Solomon and his supporters want to pray on the Mount, said Rabbi Goren, they should ask him for an exact demarcation of the permissible areas. Such areas will be presented in detail in a book by Rabbi Goren which will appear in the next few weeks.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has forbidden Jews to tread on the holy site.



Lebanese women at work in the Dubek tobacco processing plant. (Israel Sun)

## Lebanese happy here

By YESHAYAHU ASHNI

**JERUSALEM POST REPORTER**  
SAFAD. The 15 Lebanese tobacco workers here — seven girls and eight men — yesterday voiced satisfaction with their working conditions and at the way they were being treated by the management and by their Israeli fellow workers.

The manager of the Dubek Tobacco Centre here, Chaim Bar-Ilan, said that the workers were well integrated in their tasks, at which they are experienced and skilled.

The Lebanese have been employed here for the past four days. The girls, aged 18 to 25, all unmarried, said they got up at 5.30 in the morning to be at work by 6.45. They were not afraid of reprisals by the terrorists, they said. "Our villages are well guarded and

we have nothing to fear." They agreed to be filmed by TV crews from many countries.

The Lebanese are engaged in processing tobacco on behalf of an international company. Thirteen tons of the crop arrive across the border daily, and so far over 67 tons have been processed into oriental-style cigarettes.

The tobacco centre can process 150 tons a month in one shift and store up to 300 tons.

Another group of Lebanese, expected in Israel yesterday to begin afforestation work, failed to show up.

The Jewish National Fund's Afforestation director, Sharon Weitz, said that this group of Lebanese was apparently afraid of terrorist reprisals.

## Khatib's army

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contacts, if in fact they were taking place. Earlier this week, the State Department acknowledged, however, that American security officials in Beirut were meeting with the Lebanese Arab Army as well as with the PLO.

According to American sources here, the U.S. does not oppose Israel's "open fence" policy toward southern Lebanon. Like Israel, the U.S. is said to be concerned over a possible Syrian takeover of this area — a development which would force Israel to reevaluate its current non-interference policy in the Lebanese crisis.

Other sources here said that the U.S. originally favoured a larger Syrian military involvement in Lebanon, apparently convinced that the Syrians could restore order in that war-torn country. But during the past several weeks, the Americans have come to agree with Israel that a limited Syrian military involvement was preferable.

The U.S. is closely watching developments in southern Lebanon

and has asked the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv to report extensively on the subject.

Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador in Syria Richard Murphy has returned to Syria following talks here with top U.S. State Department officials.

Special envoy in Lebanon, Talbot Seelye, now in Washington also for consultations, and U.S. Ambassador in Israel Malcolm Toon also participated in the "mini summit."

Toon, who returned here primarily because of his wife's illness, is due to return to Israel shortly.

YAVNEH residents will be able to see seven theatre performances during a six-month season under an experimental subscription scheme being organized by the Local Council and Omamut La'an.

A SPORTS stadium will be built at a cost of some \$15m. in the Negev development town of Ofakim. It will be part of a sports complex expected to be completed during the next five years.

## First meet of minister c'tee on Arab affairs

By YOSEF GOELL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministerial Committee on Israeli Arab Affairs yesterday held its first meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The committee was established by a Cabinet decision on May 23, as part of a reconsideration of policy towards the Arab minority following the March 30 disturbances in Galilee.

The Cabinet at that time decided to set up three bodies: a Ministerial Committee; an interdepartmental committee of Directors-General of Ministries involved with Arab affairs; and a public council on Israeli Arab Affairs. The interdepartmental committee has already met several times. The initial meeting of the Ministerial Committee yesterday devoted much of its time to delineating the regulations under which the public council is to function.

The council, which originally was to have numbered 60, half Jews and

half Arabs, has been enlarged to 80, half Jews and half Arabs, and the chairmanship of Mr. Rabin, exact make-up of the council, has not yet been decided on because of difficulties encountered in naming some of the Arab members. Some cases, some persons approved and refused to serve and in both cases Arabs who wanted to be included were felt to be unrepresentative or unsuitable.

The Ministerial Committee yesterday also considered recommendations of an inter-ministerial committee of experts on the subject of settlement of bedouin claims of ownership over close to two million dunam of land in the northern Negev.

The decisions adopted on this issue include the establishment of negotiating committees charged with seeking compromises with Bedouin claimants and of a supreme claims committee to rule on claims in cases where compromises settlements have not been reached.

## Naval experts interested in missile boats

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Israeli Navy missile boats "Yaffo" and "Tarshish" attracted the attention of naval experts from several Latin American countries in the course of a four-day visit to Colombia, it was learnt in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Colombian Defence Minister and the Navy Commander went aboard, together with military attaches serving in Bogota, and naval delegations from other countries on the continent. The visitors were treated to a special display at sea in which the missile boats' armaments, electronics, and general navigability were demonstrated.

Israel maintains a military attaché in Colombia.

One of the days was devoted to Jewish visitors, who flocked to the port by train and plane from all over the country. The Israeli ships' call received wide coverage in the daily press.

## Kissinger off on week's tour

**WASHINGTON.** Secretary of State Henry Kissinger left yesterday on a week-long trip to Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. He arrived in London last night and will have talks with Prime Minister James Callaghan.

His talks in Iran could give the Shah nuclear reactors capable of producing both electric power and the makings of atomic weapons.

The U.S. is seeking strict safeguards over the Iranian reactors, which would generate up to 8,000 megawatts of electric power, and has not demanded that Iran return spent fuel for reprocessing in America.

Plutonium can be extracted from the spent fuel for use either as fuel for the reactors or to manufacture nuclear weapons.

In addition to his two day talks in Iran, Dr. Kissinger will fly to Afghanistan for talks with President Mohammed Daoud, and will also visit Pakistan and Hagu before returning home. During his week-long tour, he will make a private one-day stop in Des Moines, Iowa, next to call on unidentified friends. (Re)

## Extortion in the market

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stevedores have a monopoly in the market. The original stevedores in fact no longer work in their profession, but hire Arab labourers from the Administered areas who perform the actual stevedore work for 10 Agorot per crate.

The rest of the handling fee, which goes from 4 Agorot to 28 Agorot depending on the type of crate is pocketed by the "contractor." According to the report the secretary of the contractors is called Ya'acov. These "contractors" do not allow anyone else to load or unload in the market. They do not pay City or income tax.

The report claims that two brothers Yusef and Nissim Naphthali, have cornered the transporting of produce inside the market. They charge for the carrying of one ton of produce from IL100 to IL250. This little "exercise" makes the produce at least 10 to 20 Agorot more expensive.

The report notes that there is a police post in the market and by supervision and guidance this post could be used as a positive instrument to uncover law-breakers.

There also exists, according to the report, a system of "mutual benefits" among the officials of the Vegetable Marketing Board, farmers, wholesalers and food processors.

The same type of mutual benefit exists among the wholesale ramparts, stevedores and city inspectors.

## French deny giving arms to Lebanese

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**PARIS.** — French officials deny yesterday that France is supplying arms to the warring factions in Lebanon.

The denial followed publication of the latest issue of the Communist party daily "L'Humanite" of allegations that Tel el-Zaatar camp was being pounded by 15 French 155 mm. cannon.

French officials said France had not delivered any weapons to Lebanon for the past year. They recall that France is by no means the manufacturer of 155 mm. cannon so that other countries have supplied this weapon to the Lebanese army forces.

## Suspected leader of watermelon gang held

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Police have arrested a man they believe is behind the protection racket in the Rehov Shitrit watermelon racket here.

Special importance is attached to the arrest in Nahariya on Tuesday night as police have been searching for the suspected ringleader since he disappeared following the murder of his brother last May. They believe he may have taken over the

position as head of the racket after his brother was killed.

Four additional suspects arrested yesterday — watermelon wholesalers Binyamin Russo, Mordechai Neri, Israel Levi and Ya'acov hi — were released on IL100 bail.

Police allege that the gang has been taking IL5 protection money from each of the 350 trucks bringing melons to the wholesale market every day.

## Bonds conference opens today

The 1976 Jerusalem Leadership Conference of the Israel Bonds organization opens today in Tel Aviv's Hilton Hotel.

The conference is intended to study Israel's economic needs and to plan for the final phase of the 1976 bonds campaign.

Participating in the conference will be 100 American and Canadian Jewish leaders, headed by general chairman Sam Rothberg.

Conference members, in addition to being received by President Khatib, will meet with government heads and with several of the country's mayors.

The sessions will wind up on August 11 with the participation of Prime Minister Rabin.

## Police find warehouse full of stolen goods

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — Why would an steel tank starters? This is question baffling police who week found IL750,000 worth of stolen goods in a Jaffa warehouse.

The bumper store of stolen goods disappeared from the Israeli area near Haifa at the of last year, contained numerous television sets, furs — and the collection of starters.

The owner of the warehouse was arrested on suspicion of being the receiver of the goods.

Other property from the theft has been found scattered throughout various other police areas.

## Our dear JOSEF LEVENSHTARK, Engineer

from Lvov-Poland is no more.

The funeral will leave today, Thursday, August 5, 1976, at 1 p.m., from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, and proceed to the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. A bus will be available for those attending.

His wife, Rachel Levenshtark  
His son and daughter-in-law,  
Itamar and Edna Levenshtark  
The Urbach and Halperin families

With deep regret, we announce the sudden passing.

in Switzerland, of our dear

**OTTO STERNBERG**

(formerly of Bielitz)

In sorrow  
The Family and friends  
in Israel and abroad

With deep sorrow we announce the death of  
our beloved father and grandfather

**SIMON VAN DER SLUIS**

Rini and Shimon Shlish and  
children, Savyon  
Ja and Max Dutscher and children,  
Amsterdam-Jerusalem.

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**Passenger ship held**  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
One passenger aboard an Egyptian freighter arrested by the Israeli navy near Haifa two days ago was detained by the Israeli authorities, according to an agency report from Beirut. The man was said to be a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the report continued.  
The remaining passengers said they were taken to an Israeli port and were held in a camp where they were interrogated, according to the report. They were treated satisfactorily, they said. Six Palestinians among them were interrogated elsewhere. The ship proceeded to Tyre, where it arrived yesterday.  
Israeli sources maintain that the ship, the four-hundred-ton Abdel, was carrying a cargo of medical supplies from Lebanon to Sidon, a port on the coast of Lebanon. The ship was carrying 45 passengers and crew, of whom most were Lebanese. The Greek freighter brought to Haifa about a month ago because of engine failure was due to sail for Piraeus last night. The 500-ton ship was found to be carrying ammunition destined for the PLO in Lebanon. The ammunition, which included shells for heavy artillery, was confiscated, but the ship was repaired and allowed to sail back to Greece.

**Pilots warn of new labour strife**  
Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Claiming that "a hairdresser working six hours a day earns as much as an El Al captain," the outgoing chairman of the El Al cockpit crews committee, Captain Gideon Arbel, also told the *Jerusalem Post* he could not rule out a strike which might shut down the airline.  
Arbel said that the pilots' union was set up a new national union in Iran. Dr. Arbel said a new wage commission was long overdue, but also said there had been no meetings between the management and the pilots' union for over a month.  
Two months ago, the Federation of Airline Staffs Committee, including the cabin attendants, which should have served as an umbrella committee (seen by the Histadrut as essential to the solution of the labour unrest which has been plaguing El Al for over a decade), was dissolved after the pilots decided that there was a clash of interests between the two sectors.

**Capital's grocers 'not pressured' to strike**  
By AARON SITTNER  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
The Jerusalem Merchants Association denies allegations it is pressuring grocer members into agreeing to shut down for up to a week in protest against Value Added Tax and the requirement to maintain books of account.  
The *Jerusalem Post* yesterday asked association secretary Avraham Birnbaum for an explanation of a letter he had mailed to grocers threatening a heavy "fine" if they accepted and then reneged — on undertaking to stay closed for up to a week (On July 19, several hundred small grocers in Jerusalem staged a one-day warning strike).  
Mr. Birnbaum said: "A few days ago, I mailed a letter to 517 neighbourhood grocers belonging to the association. In it, I explained that the association has decided to close down the grocery shops again, this time for up to seven days, unless Finance Minister Rabinowitz yields on the bookkeeping regulation."  
"In the letter — which was approved by the association's food dealers committee — the grocer is asked to reply if he is interested in joining the action. In addition, the grocer is advised that if he wishes to participate in the strike, he is requested to prove his sincerity by undertaking to pay the Merchants Association the sum of IL30,000 in the event that he opens his shop during the shutdown, even for a short period. The reason for this penalty is to discourage one grocer from profiting at the expense of his fellow grocers who observe the strike."

**Airless airport: girls strike**  
TEL AVIV. — A strike by the El Al ground hostesses yesterday morning. They are responsible for processing the departures of most outgoing passengers.  
The hostesses claimed that they were being threatened by the Histadrut to shut down for some 20 minutes while dense crowds of impatient passengers waited at the terminal.  
There were no public telephones at the airport yesterday, either, according to frustrated passengers.

**Investing more in Yamit than in T.A.**  
By ZVI ARENSTEIN  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
TEL AVIV. — "We're investing more in Yamit than we are in T.A.," Housing Minister Avraham Ben-Zur told local residents here yesterday.  
The minister had come to Yamit to visit the new town's first factory and to inaugurate further housing developments.  
After meeting with Russian oil company officials in the ministry's presence, the minister also saw 200 new units now in the first stages of construction, and announced plans to build 100 half-acre plots of land to be allocated for privately-built housing.  
Construction has also begun on a military (Kibbutz) yeshiva.

**Police find warehouse of stolen goods**  
Jerusalem Post Staff  
TEL AVIV. — Police found a warehouse of stolen goods in a Jerusalem suburb yesterday.  
The warehouse was found in a suburb of Jerusalem. It contained a large quantity of stolen goods, including cars, motorcycles, and other vehicles.  
The police are currently investigating the case and have arrested several individuals involved in the theft.

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Gur, 20, has his rank insignia pinned on by Chief of Staff Mordechai Gur during the passing out parade of a combat engineering corps yesterday. In the background are bridging tanks.

**Banks may issue new high-interest bond**  
By DAVID KRIVINE  
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent  
The Bank of Israel is going ahead with plans to allow the commercial banks to issue certificates of deposits (CDs), called in Hebrew *tesdot phidion sechirim*, or *tesdot* for short. This is despite the opposition of two out of the Big Three — Bank Ha'Poalim and Discount Bank.  
The CDs will be high-interest 91-day bonds, tradeable in the open market. The Bank of Israel is anxious at the fact that people are spending more and saving less. Credit has grown since 1971 by close to IL5b. Current accounts have increased by IL4b, but as 70 per cent of that is frozen under the liquidity regulations, only IL1.5b goes to the loan market. Time deposits have scarcely increased at all during the last four years.  
The conclusion drawn by Shaul Bronfeld, of the central bank's Research Department, is that IL1b-1.5b of the extra credit is supplied by a massive — and costly — shortfall in the banks' liquidity obligations.  
The banks who oppose the scheme do not see the CDs as a solution. Depositors, they say, will simply shift their funds from low-interest current accounts to high-interest CDs which they can cash in the open market any time they want. Would-be lenders will buy CDs from private persons instead of depositing their money in the bank.  
A more constructive answer — these bankers say — would be to lower the liquidity ratio. This would legitimize the present practice whereby the banks lend more than they are entitled to. The difference is that they would no longer be charged a punitive "fine" on their overdrafts, and that would contribute to lowering the price of money.  
The Bank of Israel maintains that the extra IL1.5b should not be in circulation. There is enough money available already — the problem is only to attract it to the banks.  
Mr. Bronfeld believes that the CD's will do the trick, thanks to the new monetary situation created by the authorities. It is no longer worthwhile to speculate in foreign currency, because of the unpredictability of the mini-devaluations; nor to hoard raw materials, owing to the high interest rates and the fall in world raw material prices; not to buy linked Government bonds, because the linkage is now taxed for business companies, and anyway the price index is no longer certain to go up each month, since inflationary pressures have weakened. The practice of inter-company loans is also on the wane, having been discredited by a series of bankruptcies that left the lending company high and dry.  
Bronfeld concludes that there is, for the first time since the Yom Kippur War, spare money looking for an outlet, and the CD's might provide that outlet, if the banks are interested in trying them. The CD's will carry the name of the buyer (and if he sells it, the name of his customer). The liquidity ratio fixed by the Bank of Israel will be only 25 per cent — approximately the same as for time deposits.

**2 released on IL100,000 bail in currency charge**  
TEL AVIV. — Two persons, one of them the chairman of the Israel Philatelists Association, charged with the possession of large amounts of foreign currency, were on Tuesday released on IL100,000 bail by the Magistrate's Court here.  
Uri Shalit, a stamp expert and longtime chairman of the Association, has been charged together with businessman Avraham Mansour, of having in their possession 66 foreign currency cheques. The latter were allegedly not reconverted to local currency.  
The two were additionally charged with the possession of foreign currency sums in large amounts in various bank vaults. A large stock of unreported stamps and coins belonging to the men was also allegedly found.  
Police suspect the foreign currency found was concealed from the income tax authorities. (Him)

**Australians react favourably to Dayan**  
By SAM LIPSEK  
Special to The Jerusalem Post  
MELBOURNE. — Former defence minister Moshe Dayan's two-week Australian lecture tour was marked both by a significant pro-Israel reaction in the media and other public opinion circles and by anti-Israel demonstrations.  
Although there were fears before the Dayan visit that the anti-Israel demonstrations could spill into violence, they proved unfounded. Despite the organized demonstrations at Dayan's four public lectures in Sydney and Melbourne — where he was greeted with shouts of "PLO yes, Dayan no" — the numbers of demonstrators — about 800 in Sydney and 300 in Melbourne — were well below the forecasts of the anti-Israel lobby.  
Those taking part in the demonstrations were a mixture of local Arabs and extreme left-wing supporters of the PLO. Some scuffles with police did occur but there were no serious clashes and the demonstrators dispersed soon after Dayan began to lecture.  
But generally, the Australian media concentrated on Dayan and his opinions rather than the demonstrations. As a result, the Australian public has an opportunity to hear the clearest exposition of an Israeli point of view to be put here since the 1973 war. Coming after the generally pro-Israel reaction following the Entebbe raid, the Dayan visit has restored some of Israel's eroded image.  
One reason for the generally favourable media reaction was Dayan's personal link with Australia. Having lost his eye while fighting as a scout for an Australian infantry patrol against the Vichy-French in Syria in 1941, Dayan was accorded special treatment in feature articles in a number of newspapers, which published interviews with his wartime comrades.  
Another reason for Dayan's generally favourable reception was his relatively "dovish" assessment of the prospect for an Arab-Israeli settlement in the foreseeable future. While the Australian press had expected Dayan to be a militant hawk, they found instead Dayan the politician, willing to talk about compromise and the need to take Arab interests into account in any workable settlement.  
Dayan was also optimistic about Egypt's willingness to reach a settlement and he praised President Sadat for taking constructive steps in opening the Suez Canal and resettling the towns in the Canal area.  
Ironically, despite his rejection of a West Bank Palestinian state and his insistence that there should be Jewish settlement on the West Bank as part of any future territorial arrangement, Dayan emerged from his lectures and press appearances as a more flexible Israeli spokesman than some of his predecessors on visits to Australia.

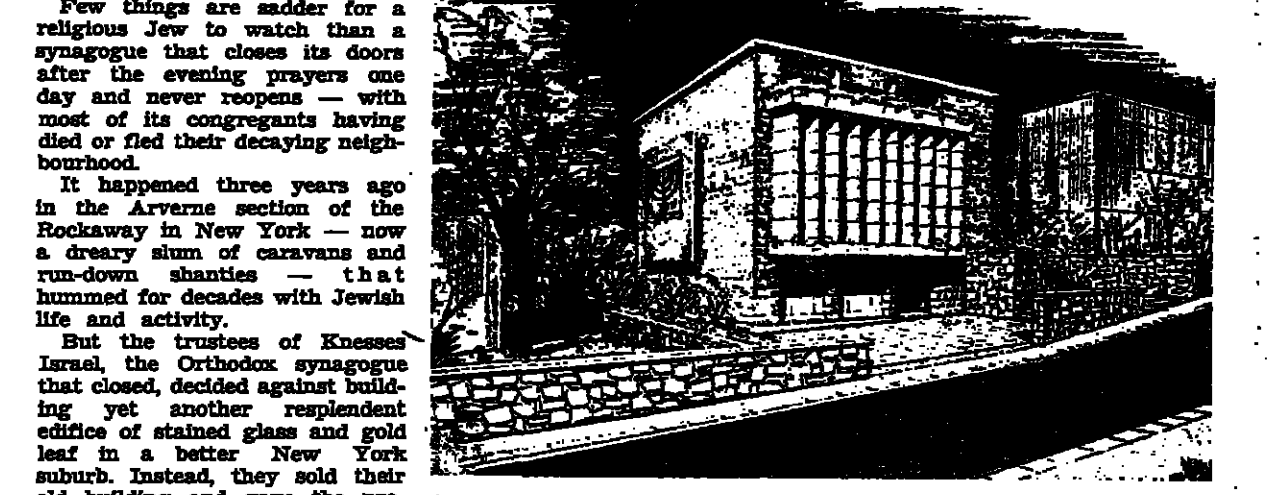
**Argentine emissaries reunited with families**  
By JUDY SEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Scores of well-wishers yesterday crowded into the homes of eight Jews who were released on Tuesday evening after two weeks of imprisonment in Argentina.  
The detainees — World Zionist Organization Youth and Hechalutz Department emissary Yosef Pick and his wife; emissary Yitzhak Estrugo and his wife; emissary Amnon Rudin; and three Argentine Jews working for the department — were reunited with their families, reportedly in good health.  
The father of Amnon Rudin called Foreign Ministry director-general Shlomo Avineri soon after he learned of the release and thanked him for the "quiet and careful contacts" his ministry had maintained to quicken the Argentine government's investigation of the detainees. The Foreign Ministry says that the release was won "without conditions" and that it proves its continuous statements that the arrests were the result of "a misunderstanding."  
Members of Kibbutz Bagan, the home of the Estrugos, learned of the news in the middle of the night when settlers from a nearby kibbutz knocked loudly on their door and windows to wake them up. Since the telephone at Kibbutz Bagan was out of order, the Foreign Ministry had asked the neighbours to bring the news of the release in person.  
Officials in the Youth and Hechalutz Department said that the three aliyim (emissaries) will remain in Argentina and continue their Zionist educational and community work. "Why should they come back to Jerusalem?" asked Reuven Agmon, director-general of the department. "They have work to do." Agmon said his department intends to continue and intensify its Zionist and Jewish activity in Argentina.  
It is learned, however, that emissaries in Latin America have been warned to pursue their work carefully and with tact.  
Zionist Executive chairman Yosef Almagi leaves this morning for an 11-day visit to Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. A WZO spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that it is likely that Almagi will visit the released emissaries — "he will meet all the emissaries — we have in the countries he visits."

**Katzir anxious over future of western Jewry**  
Concern for the future of the Jewish people was expressed by President Ezer Weizman yesterday, as he summed up the four-day international seminar on "Zionism in our time," which ended in Jerusalem yesterday.  
President Katzir voiced worry at what the future held in store for Jewry of the western, liberal world. He proposed, as an antidote to the potential danger, a broader interpretation of Zionism which would imply not only aliyah but a more meaningful Jewish life everywhere.  
A view pressed by several participants that Israel, by denying self-determination to Palestinians, might diminish pro-Zionist activity abroad was challenged by Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Gottschalk felt that Zionists must be prepared to defend Israel no matter what.  
A recent immigrant from the USSR, mathematician Prof. Alexander Luntz, said that for Russian Jews Zionism meant aliyah, even though they were not always able to put this into practice.

**Israeli laser scalpel used to remove tumor**  
BONN. — An Austrian doctor has successfully performed the world's first brain tumor removal by laser technology using an instrument developed in Israel. The operation was carried out on a 56-year-old man by Dr. Fritz Heppner of the Graz University's neuro-surgical division.  
The "carbon-dioxide laser scalpel" was developed by Prof. Isaac Kaplan of the plastic surgery department at Israel's Beilinson Hospital.  
Heppner said that the instrument had been used for other operations, but this was the first time it was used in removing a brain tumor. (JTA)

**Haifa port's best year so far**  
By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. — Haifa port had its best financial year ever in 1975-6, with a productivity increase of 13 per cent. Port manager Yitzhak Rahav told a press conference yesterday that this figure was even more satisfying than the operational surplus of IL10m. notched up by the end of the fiscal year.  
Rahav attributed the rise in productivity to the process of modernization of equipment and handling methods, which has enabled the port management to cut its wage bill from 73 per cent of expenditure five years ago to 60 per cent today. The payroll had declined from 3,000 eight years ago, when Rahav took over management of the port, to 2,015, and the process of reduction of manpower continues.  
Both absenteeism and work accidents are down, Rahav noted. While total cargo volume in the country's ports had declined by 14 per cent, at Haifa the drop was only five per cent. In fact, Rahav said, Haifa port, which handled 4.9 million tons in the period under review, actually increased its proportion of cargo handled in Israel's harbours. For the first time, container traffic had exceeded 100,000 tons, which accounted for 70 per cent of the total in Israel's Mediterranean ports.  
Rahav was sharply critical of the methods of citrus fruit shipping, which he called outdated. Israel's citrus marketing board lags behind countries such as Morocco and Algeria in refusing to go over to containers, he charged. This leads to an inflated payroll with 700 workers virtually idle in the summer, which creates severe problems of morale for the entire labour force, he said.  
Rahav hinted that the Ports Authority was preparing a punitive tariff on the Citrus Marketing Board's single case loading method, and would also offer incentives for more modern methods.

**New York synagogue comes on aliyah**  
By JUDY SEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Few things are sadder for a religious Jew to watch than a synagogue that closes its doors after the evening prayers one day and never reopens — with most of its congregants having died or fled their decaying neighbourhood.  
It happened three years ago in the Arverne section of the Rockaway in New York — now a dreary slum of caravans and run-down shanties — that hummed for decades with Jewish life and activity.  
But the trustees of Knesses Israel, the Orthodox synagogue that closed, decided against building yet another resplendent edifice of stained glass and gold leaf in a better New York suburb. Instead, they sold their old building and gave the proceeds to good causes — with nearly \$200,000 going to construct a new synagogue in Jerusalem.  
"Hatzvi Yisrael," a synagogue whose Hebrew name comes from the first two words of David's lament for the slain Jonathan and Saul, has been, since 1967, a one-room congregation in the Talbich quarter of Jerusalem.  
With its majestic hand-carved, 250-year-old ark from the Italian town of Bassano (the birth place of Verdi) and antique wooden pews, it became the home of several local *minyanim* (quorums of praying Jews).  
Another group of Jerusalemites — among them a large minority of young people, professionals or English-speaking immigrants — who had no permanent place to pray in the neighbourhood, dreamed of building two more floors over "Hatzvi Yisrael."



"Hatzvi Yisrael" synagogue in Talbich quarter of Jerusalem.  
The PEF-Israel Endowment Funds, Inc., a New York-based organization that serves as a conduit for donations to projects in Israel, made the *shidduch* between the Arverne synagogue trustees and the group who wanted to build.  
Added to the "honey they had already collected from other sources, the funds from New York allowed the synagogue builders to begin construction last year. Services downstairs never stopped, and other services were held occasionally in the skeleton above, even before the stairs had been laid or electricity was hooked up. Rabbi Yehoshua Reich, the venerable spiritual leader of the neighbourhood, leads both congregations.  
The memories of a number of young soldiers who died in Israel's wars since 1948 are remembered in a display of gold and lights on one wall; among the names is that of Danny Mass, son of the congregation's honorary president, Reuben Mass, the publisher (Daniel fell while leading "the 35" in the War of Independence).  
Prof. Hillel Blondheim, the chairman of the synagogue committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that there is a shortage of synagogue seats even in well-to-do neighbourhoods like Talbich; it is much worse in new, outlying immigrant quarters like Ramot, Gilo, Sanhedria Murevet and San Simon.  
The only sad part of the Arverne synagogue, is that none of the congregants who left the New York neighbourhood for greener pastures have come on aliyah and become members of "Hatzvi Yisrael."



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# Hope of Martian life fading Viking jams its digging-arm again

PASADENA, California. — The soil-sampler arm on the Viking lander on Mars has broken down for a second time, scientists reported yesterday.

A Jet Propulsion Laboratory spokesman said the three-metre-long scoop-arm jammed again on Tuesday as it was being drawn back with a new load of orange-red Martian soil. Scientists were trying to find the cause of the accident.

This brought to a halt, also for the second time, a crucial gas-chromatograph analysis of the make-up of the Martian soil.

The organic-compound analysis is urgently needed to help solve the puzzle of biological readings of the soil, sent back last Saturday, which suggested forms of life might exist there.

But scientists in any case are now beginning to believe the planet is dead after all.

Their hopes were high last Saturday, when the initial oxygen and carbon-dioxide readings indicated there could be microscopic forms of life. Chief scientist Harold Klein however said yesterday that the feeling was now moving towards a belief that the readings were caused by the Martian soil's unusual chemistry.

Dr. Klein said biologists had not ruled out finding living organisms in the soil. But he noted that the emission of radioactive carbon dioxide in one test had leveled off after 40 hours.

The emission of radioactive gas can continue for as long as 168 hours in biologically-active Earth samples.

But the puzzling soil activity in the test is now thought to have been the result of a chemical process in which oxygen in Mars' rusty surface is released by sunlight and decomposes a liquid food fed to the soil sample, scientists said.

There had been speculation that some form of Martian life had broken down the nutrient and given off gases in the so-called labeled-release experiment. Klein said that latest results from the mini-laboratory on Mars show that "whatever has been going on has stopped going on."

Dr. Fred Brown, a biologist for TRW Systems, which manufactured the laboratory, said the labeled-release data "have almost zero chance of being a message about life."

Most of the scientists on the official Viking biology team, with which Brown works but is not a member, felt that way, too, he said.

The organic test had failed last week when Viking's automated laboratory did not get its quota of soil scooped up by a telescopic arm. (The arm was later freed.)

The test is to show the presence of organic compounds, particularly of carbon — which would be a pointer to possible life existing or having existed on the planet.

All forms of life on Earth are based on carbon compounds.

Meanwhile, Viking 2, scheduled to enter orbit early Saturday morning, was less than 800,000 km. from Mars yesterday. It is to put down its lander on September 4 — in a northern latitude where scientists say there is more moisture and a greater possibility of finding life.

The Viking 1 lander landed in the Martian northern hemisphere two weeks ago. It may be two to three months before all evidence is in on whether there is life on the planet. (Reuters, UPI)

# Chinese still camping out; quake-watch extended

TOKYO. — Chinese authorities yesterday extended "indefinitely" the week-old earthquake alert in north-east China. Peking residents responded by reinforcing their makeshift shelters in the streets.

Western diplomats reached by telephone said foreign embassies were informed that the warning remained in effect despite the absence of positive signs in the past two days of a new tremor with a magnitude of six or stronger.

Many of Peking's six million residents, anticipating a long stay outside their homes, have used wire, metal tubing and heavy timber to strengthen the temporary shelters that they are covering with canvas and straw matting. Some have installed gas stoves and city authorities have provided water taps.

The shanty dwellings have sprawled on to the Square of Heavenly Peace, the vast parade-ground that forms a showpiece for Communist China.

"This clearly indicates they think they'll be there for an extended time," said David Dean, deputy chief of the U.S. liaison mission.

Dean said after shocks periodically jolt the most heavily devastated area of northeast China near Tangshan, 155 km. southeast of Peking, but the Chinese apparently had expected the weaker tremors to follow the main tremor. Link links remain out between Tangshan and Tientsin, another major city damaged by last week's quake, he added.



Peking residents shelter in boulevard in the centre of the capital as the week-old earthquake-alert continues. (UPI telephoto)

Peking's official Hsinhua News Agency continued to broadcast reports of individual acts of heroism by rescue workers. But it remained secretive about the number of casualties and the extent of damage from the two major earthquakes that struck last week.

Western diplomats in Peking said there were reports that aged Communist Party chairman Mao Tse-tung had been evacuated from the capital. But others said he was still there.

David Ambrose, an Australian diplomat from Perth, said few people aside from foreign residents have left Peking to escape a possible new quake. He said a number of the injured from Tangshan and Tientsin have been brought to the capital for medical treatment.

Unofficial reports from Tangshan suggest extensive if not total destruction of the city, he said.

Yesterday it emerged that the Chinese air force has been parachuting supplies into the disaster area. Photographs of the air drop were pinned to a home-made notice board outside one shelter. They had been clipped from a Peking daily newspaper which is not sold to foreigners.

Another photograph showed supplies being loaded on to military aircraft at Shuangyang in Manchuria. This is a staging post for funneling relief supplies into the quake area. Other supplies have been airlifted from as far away as the southern city of Canton.

Foreigners are still evacuating Peking. Three more British diplomats pulled out today leaving a staff of only 13 in the embassy. Most of them had camped out in tents on the embassy tennis court Tuesday night. (Reuters)

# Amin's regime at stake as Nairobi talks begin

NAIROBI. — Uganda yesterday opened talks with Kenya in a try at normalizing relations and propping up the shaky regime of Uganda President Idi Amin.

Nairobi put down stiff conditions, including a demand that Uganda withdraw troops from its border, and sources said the discussions will be very difficult.

The Ugandan delegation, including seven ministers headed by Industry Minister Lt.-Col. Dusan Sabuni, arrived yesterday morning with full powers from Amin to hammer out an agreement as quickly as possible. The Ugandans brushed aside all questions, and after a brief public opening session plunged into private talks with the Kenyan delegation headed by Foreign Minister Munyua Waiyaki.

Diplomatic observers said Amin's future could be riding on the outcome. A breakdown would significantly increase pressure within his army for his ouster, due to the deterioration of the economy, depletion of oil supplies from Kenya.

The Kenyans, in a tough bargaining mood, have laid down conditions, including a halt to propaganda against Kenya and the killing of "innocent Kenyan Ugandans" where it is charged, 300 have already been murdered by Ugandan troops.

Waiyaki also demanded Uganda pay \$50m. in trade debts to Kenya before normal commerce, including oil supplies, begin again.

Amin's main hope for saving his regime appears to be the Arab League, East reports, the Arab League meet shortly to discuss Amin's request for cash or oil to help his regime. One unconfirmed news report said Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi has already offered Amin \$50m. in cash. With Arab help he appears doomed, according to many observers in Africa.

# Red ocean threat revives moribund Anzus alliance

CANBERRA. — Delegates from Australia, New Zealand and the U.S., expressing concern about the increasing Soviet military presence in the Indian Ocean, yesterday endorsed the U.S. decision to set up a base on the British Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Ending a two-day meeting here, they also voiced alarm at Soviet and Chinese overtures to the new island nations in the South Pacific, and agreed to step up economic aid there.

The decisions came at the 25th annual meeting of the Australia-New Zealand-U.S. Council, a defence alliance known as ANZUS that previously had seemed moribund. The "modest" Diego Garcia base would be to support U.S. forces in the region, a communiqué said.

However, the South Pacific, which had rated two paragraphs in a communiqué last year, dominated the two-day ANZUS meeting. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Charles W. Robinson, who led the U.S. delegation, told an Australian national Press Club luncheon that the U.S. viewed Red overtures in the Pacific as a "serious threat."

Admiral Noel G. Goring, U.S. commander in the Pacific, told a reporter that the Soviets were making "seductive offers" to the island nations.

It was also noted that China established an embassy in Fiji that Soviets who recently ended formal diplomatic relations with Western Samoa and Tonga, seeking to build an airstrip for Tonga government and are building up their fishing fleets in the area.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union's new aircraft carrier, the 40,000-ton Kielev, was reported off the coast of Ireland yesterday, a recently heading to join the Soviet fleet.

The warship was being shadowed by Royal Navy ships and Royal Force reconnaissance aircraft, a spokesman for the British defence ministry. (UPI)

# Colorado toll may reach 200

LOVELAND, Colorado. — The death toll in Saturday night's Big Thompson River flood climbed past 80 yesterday, and Larimer County Sheriff Robert Watson predicted it would eventually reach 200.

Survivors were taken out by helicopter under bright blue skies yesterday after three days of chilly rains which had hampered earlier searches in the rugged Big Thompson Canyon, where torrential rains had rammed the twisting river out of its course.

Hundreds were injured, and several small communities were wiped out. Damage to residence and businesses was estimated at \$30m.

All but 50 of the survivors were reportedly out by yesterday, and these had good food and water and were in good condition, the Sheriff's office reported.

Searchers meanwhile continued the gruesome task of hunting for the bodies of victims. At a disused hospital equipped to serve as a morgue, the body count stood at 63 yesterday, but workers at a funeral home, which received the bodies, said they were told to expect at least 20 more. (AP)

# Spain frees first political prisoners under amnesty

MADRID. — King Juan Carlos' amnesty took effect yesterday and three Communist leaders walked out of Madrid's Carabanchel prison in the first group of political prisoners freed.

One hundred supporters, wives and relatives cheered as Simon Montero, Santiago Alvarez and Jose Uruñe left the prison.

An Information Ministry spokesman said three-fourths of the prisoners to benefit from the pardon were to be released yesterday and today.

An estimated 635 political prisoners were held in Spanish prisons before the amnesty. The liberal newspaper "El País" calculated from the amnesty text — officially published yesterday in the official gazette — that only some 70 or 80 will be excluded from the pardon. Most of these are guerrillas of the often violent separatist group ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty).

ETA convicts spearheaded a hunger strike by 40 political prisoners at Carabanchel that continued in its third day yesterday. The strikers were demanding that the political amnesty be total. (UPI)

# Giscard commutes French Defence Sec'y resigns

PARIS. — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing yesterday commuted a death sentence here only a week after another condemned murderer had been guillotined.

Moussa Benchara, 44, an Algerian who had served in the French army, had been condemned to death for cutting the throat of an 83-year-old woman who had caught him rifling her apartment. At his trial he had shrugged at the murder charge and said he had been drinking.

The commutation was the second this year by Giscard. It followed by exactly one week the execution of 22-year-old Christian Ramuel, who had murdered an eight-year-old girl — and who was the first person to be executed in France in two years. (UPI)

PARIS. — General Marcel Bigeard, tough paratrooper veteran of France's last colonial wars, yesterday announced he was resigning as Secretary of State for Defence.

The general, who had been in the task 18 months ago of putting an end to unrest in the French armed forces, told reporters: "My mission has been accomplished."

All indications here are that President Giscard d'Estaing will reshuffle his entire cabinet at the end of August or early in September to face up to the challenge of the combined Left in Municipal and Parliamentary elections next year, and in 1978.

But Gen. Bigeard said his resignation had nothing to do with recent widespread rumours about the reshuffle. (Reuters)

# Fischer-Karpov match 'unlikely'

AMSTERDAM. — Chess sources here yesterday described as "unlikely" a proposed match between world chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union and American former world champion Bobby Fischer.

If it does take place, the world title will not be at stake, the president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), Dr. Max Euwe, added.

Euwe said the two grandmasters had agreed in principle to play an exhibition match later this year. But the match, believed to be for a purse of \$5m. (U.S. dollars), was being arranged privately, Euwe explained, and would not come under FIDE. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

# Press lord Thomson dead

LONDON. — Lord Thomson of Fleet, Ray Thomson, the Canadian-born newspaper magnate, died in hospital here yesterday. He was 82.

Thomson, who was chairman of the Thomson Organization — the owners of "The Times" and "The Sunday Times" — was admitted to hospital a month ago for treatment for a chest infection following a cold and a subsequent stroke. His body was to be flown to Canada later yesterday or today for burial in Toronto. (UPI)

# Year in sun for UK jobless

LONDON. — The government has ruled that jobless Britons now may vacation in Spain for up to a year and continue drawing social security relief money in Britain during that time.

The only restriction is that they must promise to return home if their local employment office finds them a suitable job.

The employment department said the ruling was sent out to all social-security offices in the past week.

Until recently no one drawing jobless pay could leave the country without having his relief money stopped.

The employment department said the ruling applies only to Spain, with which Britain has a special agreement permitting it.

Several million Britons vacation in Spain each year.

Conservative opposition Member of Parliament Michael Brotherton said "I am appalled that layabouts can have a vacation in Spain on the taxpayer's."

# 2 more Olympic defections

MONTREAL. — A Rumanian athlete and an Ethiopian journalist applied for refugee status here on Tuesday, bringing to seven the number of such applications from participants in the Olympic games.

A Canadian Immigration official said: "The journalist came to our Montreal office, while the Rumanian athlete made his application through Ottawa."

The Immigration spokesman would not reveal the names of the two latest applicants, saying they had requested "confidentiality."

Rumanian oarsman Walter Lambertz made his application for refugee status last Tuesday, while Soviet diver Sergei Nemtsanov and Rumanian canoeist Ivan Harsanbuc made theirs last Thursday.

Two Rumanian athletes, who also asked that their names be withheld, sought refugee status on Sunday. (AP)

# Strict security for Opec meeting

VIENNA. — Austria yesterday set up a massive security screen to protect the first meeting of ministers from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries since last year's terrorist raid in which 10 of them were kidnapped.

Every available officer will be on duty to guard 13 Opec finance ministers who begin their two-day meeting here today.

It was last December 21 that terrorists kidnapped the 10 Opec oil ministers and other officials and flew them to Libya and Algeria. They were eventually released unharmed.

The Ministers are holding today's meeting in the historic Hofburg Palace, Austria's main conference centre, rather than at the Opec offices here where last year's kidnapping occurred.

Austria has not yet persuaded the Opec oil ministers to return to Vienna. But it has managed to persuade Opec from moving its headquarters from Vienna, and negotiations are under way for the organization to buy a new building beside the Danube Canal, near the city centre.

Opec spokesman Hamid Zahrer said yesterday that the finance ministers would start to allocate half of an \$800m. fund to help poor countries finance development projects and cover their balance-of-payments deficits. (Reuters)

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'WRONG FIRMS' GET THE STATE'S HELP

By GIDION ESHET

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

INEFFICIENT INDUSTRIES were the chief beneficiaries, in the years 1965 and 1966 of the government's policy of protection of domestic products from the competition. This is the main conclusion of a research study by Yosef Barouch, of the Research Department of the Bank of Israel.

The study finds that firms that benefited from greater protection, through tariffs and quotas, earned lower profits than other firms. This is contrary to the usual situation, in which protected products, owing to the absence of competition, earn high profits.

Barouch considered the question whether the government's protection policy was aimed at achieving any specific economic target. His conclusion is an unqualified no.

Given Israel's abundance of labour, Barouch says, it might have been assumed that protection policy would favour labour-intensive, rather than capital-intensive, plants, particularly as the country was then suffering from unemployment. In fact, however, protection policy was neutral in this matter; capital was protected no less than labour.

The study also found that industries in development areas enjoy no special protection, although it has been a cornerstone of government policy to aid such industries by means of grants, low-interest loans, and tax concessions.

The assumption that state- and Histadrut-owned plants were granted greater protection than private industry was not borne out by the study. Nor did monopolies obtain greater protection than other firms.

In short, in the two years examined, government tariff and quota policy was not exploited for the attainment of Israel's economic targets.

Discount assets up 20%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An increase of 20.5 per cent in the assets of Israel Discount Bank during the first half of 1976 is disclosed in the half-year balance sheet just published. The total consolidated assets were IL30.3 billion.

The balance sheet embraces Barclays Discount Bank Ltd., the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd., the Israel Development and Mortgage Bank Ltd., Masphim Discount Bank Issues Corporation Ltd. and Israel Discount Trust Co., New York.

Total deposits at the end of June 1976 stood at IL25.4 billion, compared with IL21 billion at the end of 1975, an increase of 21.2 per cent. Deposits by the public totalled IL17.4 billion, up 22.6 per cent. Loans and advances totalled IL1.9 billion, an increase of 15.6 per cent.

These growth rates indicate an accelerated pace of development. This is the most evident in the growth of the approved savings schemes of the bank, in which the accumulated funds rose during the first half of 1976 by 20.3 per cent.

The mutual and provident funds, which are not included in the statement, reported considerable progress: Funds up by 30.6 per cent during the first half of 1976. About 17,000 new members joined the provident funds during the period under review.

Israel Discount Bank and its subsidiary banks have a network of 212 branches in Israel and nine branches and representative offices abroad.

Inflation now Canada's big problem

PARIS. — Canada has recovered from the 1974-75 recession and inflation is now the country's Number One economic problem, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said on Monday.

It attributed the economic pick-up to a surge in consumption and residential construction, and said in the months ahead the economy should be bolstered by an expected expansion in world trade.

However, the OECD survey, 9.2 per cent annual inflation, 10 per cent unemployment, and a \$5 billion balance-of-payments deficit are expected to plague the Canadian economy.

It said: "Failure to achieve a declaration of inflation in line with that of major trading partners now constitutes the major problem facing the Canadian economy."

The survey concluded that in the long run "it would appear that restoration of a reasonable equilibrium in the balance of payments and the maintenance of a relatively high growth rate of output will depend above all on the control of inflation."

When the receiver testifies against a 'client'

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Jerusalem District Court delivered on December 19, 1975 (in Cr. C. 65/75).

The appellants were found guilty by the Jerusalem District Court on several counts of breaking into the home of the receiver of stolen goods, who had been evasive and self-contradictory in court, but who had been very definite in the statement and swore that its contents were true.

The District Court decided to allow the contents of the statement made to the police as part and parcel of the receiver's evidence, taking into account the fact that in court he had made an obvious impression of being scared and nervous, but credible.

In their appeal against their conviction the appellants argued, inter alia, that the District Court had not been entitled to rely on the contents of the witness' statement to the police as a basis for finding them guilty.

Mr. Bassan and Mr. Mosek appeared for the appellants and Mrs. Weksler, Assistant State Attorney, for the State.

Judgment

Justice Shamgar, who delivered the main opinion of the Supreme Court, noted that manifestations of fear and nervousness on the part of witnesses was not an unusual phenomenon these days, particularly when the witness was a receiver of stolen property called upon to testify in public against his "clients" and thus expose himself to the risk of physical retaliation. In the light of the blatant fear betrayed by the witness in the present case, he continued, there was nothing disqualifying in the District Court's conclusion that it had apparently been more convenient for him, in the circumstances, to verify, by reference, the contents of his statement to the police rather than to repeat expressly and in detail, in the presence of the appellants, what he had told the police. Furthermore, the appellants had been prejudiced by the court's decision to regard the witness' police statement as part and parcel of his testimony, since they had had every opportunity of cross-examining the witness on the contents of this statement.

In short, held Justice Shamgar, the District Court which had heard the witness and had had the opportunity of judging the credibility of his statement to the police, had been entitled to conclude, in the circumstances of the case, that his statement was to be preferred to other testimony given by him in court, and to base a conviction on the contents of the statement.

Justice Shamgar then went on to express the opinion, albeit in the form of obiter dicta, that pre-trial statements made to the police which are not expressly verified by the witnesses during their testimony in court (in contradistinction to what had occurred in the present case) should be admissible as evidence if two criteria are complied with: that the statements are properly submitted to the court, and that the accused are given the opportunity of cross-examining the witnesses on their contents.

In justifying this opinion, Justice Shamgar conceded that it was inconsistent with the conservative approach to pre-trial statements (which deems them to be inadmissible as evidence although they may be quoted in order to destroy a witness' credibility), but pointed out that in the United States there is a school of thought which advocates giving testimonial credit to extra-judicial statements if the witnesses who made them can be cross-examined on them (see *Di Carlo v. United States*, 1925, 6 F. (2d) 368; and *Wigmore*, 1970 ed. vol. 2A, p. 996). Those who disagree with this school of thought, he continued, do so on the grounds that cross-examinations, in order to be effective, must be carried out immediately after the statement has been made, and not after the lapse of a considerable period of time, as would be inevitable. However, with all due respect to the importance of cross-examinations, he said, he doubted whether the desire to achieve propinquity between evidence and cross-examination justified the adoption of a conservative approach which is inconsistent with logic and unwarranted fetters the courts. In Israel, he continued, where there is no jury system and where the important trials are not heard day after day (so that in any case cross-examination may be conducted long after the main examination has been held), there is no logical reason why the courts should not be entrusted with the final decision as to what evidence should be admitted and what not, as long as the accused be given an opportunity of cross-examining the witnesses.

Justice Landau concurred with Justice Shamgar's conclusions on the merits of the appeal. In so far as the obiter dicta with respect to statements to the police are concerned, he agreed with the spirit of Justice Shamgar's remarks but thought it impossible to eradicate a deep-rooted judicial rule (the "conservative approach" in Justice Shamgar's words) save by statute, and noted that in fact a bill on this very matter was at present the subject of public discussion. In this opinion, he concluded, those who objected to the proposed amendment of the law contained in the bill would do well to study Justice Shamgar's comments on the question.

Justice Kahn concurred that the appeal should be dismissed but preferred to abstain from expressing any opinion on Justice Shamgar's obiter dicta.

Appeal dismissed.

Judgment given on June 24, 1976.

Anti-polio campaign under way in Gaza

Anti-polio inoculation in the Gaza Strip got under way this week, and the campaign to eliminate the disease in the area is expected to take in some 50,000 children aged three months to three years.

There have been 34 cases of polio in the Strip so far this year.

YORK STOCKS Closing Wednesday, August 4, 1976

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The biggest profit-maker

NEW YORK. — National Iranian Oil Company is now the seventh biggest industrial company in the world, according to "Fortune" Magazine.

It easily holds first place in profitability, with net income nearly equal to the combined profits of the top 50.

The business monthly classifies the 50 largest industrial companies of the non-Communist world according to sales volume in the last year. The Iranian state oil concern hit seventh place with \$18.8 billion in sales and an astounding \$16.9 billion in net earnings.

Twenty-three of the 50 biggest companies are American companies. The top ten, according to "Fortune," are:

- (1) Exxon, (2) General Motors, (3) Royal Dutch Shell Group (Anglo-Dutch), (4) Texaco, (5) Ford Motor, (6) Mobil Oil, (7) National Iranian Oil, (8) British Petroleum, (9) Standard Oil of California, and (10) Unilever (Anglo-Dutch).

(AP)

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| Sterling    | 14.4138 | 14.5350 |
| DM          | 3.1702  | 3.1953  |
| French Fr.  | 1.6359  | 1.6498  |
| Dutch Fl.   | 2.9828  | 3.0058  |
| Swiss Fr.   | 3.2459  | 3.2722  |
| Rand        | 9.2481  | 9.3451  |

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| Yen         | 293.05/30 per \$ |
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Misdirected zeal

EVERY year at this time some doubts are raised whether to continue to mark the Fast of the Ninth of Ab, the anniversary of the fall of Jerusalem and the sacking of the Temple in 70 C.E., even after the reunification of Jerusalem under Israeli hegemony.
The debate is basically a religious one but it has many instructive historic overtones even for the secular public. There is much to be said for the characteristically Jewish tradition of demonstratively recalling our most tragic and traumatic defeat, all the more so in the heady atmosphere of the present age of national redemption.

Tomatoes, soda and a feud
THE festering dispute between Knesset member Moshe Shalal and Reuven Eiland, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, over the marketing of farm produce, has reached its climax ahead of time.

Two investigations are going on, one by a committee under the Chief Government Statistician, Moshe Sikron, about middlemen's profits; the other by the police about protection money and other alleged malpractices in the wholesale fruit and vegetable market.
It might have been better had Mr. Eiland waited for the two reports before denouncing Mr. Shalal to the Knesset Speaker. But then Mr. Shalal should not himself have made play with a police document which is officially stated to be no more than a working paper, and does not reach any final conclusions.

ISRAEL PRESS
DAVAR (Histadrut): "The evacuation of a small group of wounded from Tel el-Zaatar camp is perhaps an indication of an improvement in the general atmosphere in Lebanon, but it is not a convincing sign of deep change."

Oneq Shabbat
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Judah Magnes
by Prof. ARIEH GOREN
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THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

Israel needs a programme of all-out psychological warfare instead of the defensive arguments that often do the country more harm than good, writes MENAHEM SAVIDOR. He suggests a way.

End the apologetics

LIKE MANY ISRAELI emissaries who visit the U.S. on educational information missions, I was aghast at the starting confusion which prevails among Jewish leaders on all levels with regard to the crucial political issues confronting Israel. The heterogeneous views and the frequent conflicting statements emanating from Israeli ministries give rise to contradictions and to distorted public views, which do harm to Israel's cause.
For instance, American military aid to Israel is not seen as an expression of the vital strategic interests of the U.S. but as a response to Jewish lobby pressures, and to Israeli genocide, or as a gesture of charity towards the poor underdog. As a result, many Jewish leaders fear the discontinuance of aid which, we are told, constitutes one third of American assistance to foreign countries.

THE U.S. APPEARS to have pulled in its horns in the global war against terror, though Israel's sensational operation in Uganda may have encouraged some international action. But many Americans seem to regard violence as inevitable, and look upon criminals, especially among poor Negroes, with a sense of guilt. Until Western leaders understand that the aim of international terror is to mobilise the forces of subversion which are normally suppressed in a society, and that the Communists use the terrorists to disrupt patterns of law and order, no serious counter-measures can be expected.
MANY AMERICANS know the names of the seven major international companies which control the marketing of oil. But very few know the names of the big six - Comac, Continental, Cook, Bunge, Dreyfus and Cargill - which control the marketing of grains. Moreover, very few realise that in a world of 600 million under-nourished people, with an additional 70 million hungry mouths each year, food has become

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After the honeymoon
OUR LONDON correspondent writes that there are now signs that Israel's wave of popularity following on the Entebbe rescue is beginning to ebb.

Newsorthy
THE NEWEST Israeli T-shirts are nothing if not literate: the shirt shown here is adorned with the names of all the local newspapers, Hebrew and foreign-language alike. Stern editors dislike "padded" stories, but probably none will object to padding of the kind in this photograph.
The T-shirts are on sale at the book-store in Jerusalem's Plaza Hotel.
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Shock treatment
A METHOD of shattering gallstones by using Dornier shock waves is being pioneered by the University of Munich, but it will be several years before the technique is used on humans suffering from painful gallstones.
Unlike treatment with high-frequency sound waves and the like, the Dornier system does not require that a probe be inserted in the patient's body. The gallstone, however, has to be located exactly prior to treatment: the approved method is use of an echo-sounder. The shock waves are beamed at the offending gallstones and penetrate the body without harming the surrounding tissue.

WHY TISHA B'AV

By Moshe K...

THE YEAR is 518 B.C.E. It is 85 years after the destruction of the First Temple by Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon; 21 years after the conquest of the Babylonian Empire by Cyrus King of Persia; 20 years after 42,960 Jews out of the estimated six million scattered throughout what is known as the "Babylonian Exile" answered Cyrus' call to return to Judea to re-establish autonomous Jewish communal life there and rebuild the Temple; two years after the start of the construction of the Second Temple.
In that year, we are told in the Book of Zechariah (chapter 7), a query came to Jerusalem from the Diaspora leadership: some say it was from the communal leaders in other parts of Judea - the text is not clear.

These four fast days are not primarily days of weeping over the vicissitudes of the past, but days of introspection and evaluation...

It can be understood only by inference, with the help of the commentators, notably Rabbi David Kimhi (Radak; 1160-1235) and Don Isaac Abravanel (1437-1508). Neither the query nor the two commentaries seem remote from the Jewish situation of our time.
Kimhi explains that the questioners asked their question in the first place because they were "of little faith." They did not believe that the Temple would be completed in the face of the hindrances of the enemies of the Jews, and therefore had no wish to return from Babylon.

ABRAVANEL elaborates on this by giving seven details of that lack of faith. We shall note the first three. Those Jews did not believe that the Shechina (Divine Presence) would dwell in the Second Temple, as it had dwelt in the First. They did not think

READERS' LETTERS

OBSTACLES TO PEACE TALKS
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - I feel that Jay Axelbank's letter (July 28), deserves a reply.
Every Friday Minister of every Israel Government has personally offered to travel, at a moment's notice, to any place anywhere in the world, even to any of the Arab states, for high-level talks which could lead to a settlement.
Israel has steadfastly and repeatedly stated its desire for a peaceful settlement to the Palestinian problem and a readiness to meet with Palestinian leaders for discussion which could lead to such a settlement. We have only excepted terrorist leaders, with whom we shall not meet.
We have always made it clear that at any such meetings, whether with heads of Arab states or Palestinian leaders, there shall be no pre-conditions, no limitations; that everything can be discussed and seriously considered except, of course, the destruction of the State of Israel.
We have given endless opportunities to Arab supporters to act as go-betweens in an effort to bring about a direct Israel-Arab confrontation at the discussion table.
The question of a peaceful settlement was discussed as far back as 1949 when the Armistice talks were held on Rhodes Island. Despite Israel's many reminders to the United Nations and, indirectly, to the Arab states concerned, all suggestions for completing the process started on Rhodes have been studiously ignored by the Arab states.
From 1948 to 1967, the Arab states, and most particularly the confrontation states, were masters of the Palestinian destiny and could, at any time, have encouraged and created a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan and in the Gaza Strip, just as they are demanding today. Yet throughout that period they did nothing of the sort, and would not even recognise that a Palestinian entity as such, existed.
The Arab states are dealing with Palestinians as mere pawns in a game of power. They completely disregard their terrible plight and make no effort whatsoever to relieve it by providing alternative accommodation and work. The very contrary is true. The Arab states quickly realised that the squalor and mis-

THE SABBATH LAWS
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, - It is shameful that Rafi Devora, Spokesman for the Jerusalem Municipality, gives as his reason for not using the Hebrew University sports stadium the fact that it cannot be used on Sabbath (July 30), and as a result, 11,700 million which could serve for genuinely helpful purposes are to be diverted to the construction of a second stadium.
What is perhaps more shocking is that a spokesman for the Holy City in the Holy Land is not ashamed to state that such a waste of funds is necessitated in order to violate the laws of Sabbath: Jews and non-Jews around the world expect these laws to be observed, if in no other place, then, at least in Jerusalem.
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Jews of Judea would hold out against their enemies that they could rely on the support of the Persians. And decided that the time had come for the Jews to return to their land because (note the sacred prophecy) the bulk of the six million scattered through Mesopotamia, the Persian Empire and the Mediterranean had responded to Cyrus' call.
Zechariah starts his reply with an observation about the fast fasting: "Say to all the people: Land and to the priests: Taste and lamented in the seventh months these 70 years it for Me you fasted? And eat and drink, it is yourselves that you do so!"
These verses become somewhat in the 50 verses that follow in the prophet implies that the Jews have repented of that led to the destruction. First Temple and mendacious ethical ways will the Redeemer... "Speak the truth in other... and do not love perjury hate all this..."
And when all this shall pass: "The fasts of the fourth and of the fifth, the seventh and the tenth, shall become festive and gladness for the House of love truth and peace."
MADMONIDES' COMMENT: Zechariah 7-8 is also worth (I listed about this from R. Gotthold's) two-part: "National Mourning" in the Tevet 5718 (1957-58) is "Iggeret Lagolah." Madmonides declares that these four fasts are not primarily days of weeping over the vicissitudes of the past, but days of introspection and evaluation.
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